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Wabash City Hall will close Monday

Wabash City Hall and all non-emergency offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 11, for Columbus Day, according to Mayor Scott Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool. All offices will re-open at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12.

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Nominate the 'Best of Wabash County'

It's time to nominate your favorite local businesses to the Best of Wabash County contest. Categories are listed under 10 groups including Greatest Entertainment, Greatest Food, Greatest People, Greatest Businesses, Greatest Auto Services, Greatest Home Services, Greatest Personal Care Services, Greatest Local Shopping, Greatest Financial Services and Greatest Medical Services. All nominations and voting are done online. Please visit <https://wabashplaindealer.secondstreetapp.com/Wabash-Countys-Greatest-2021/> to get started. After round one nominations are completed and we tally the votes to determine the top three winners of each category, we will begin the voting to select winners. Voting starts on Oct. 23. Winners will be announced on Nov. 20.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with four concerts in the works: Invitation to the Dance is Oct. 10, 2021, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. The concert features music from ballet and other works inspired by dance, and it will include Manchester University professors Beate Gilliar and Jim

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Two women are arrested on felony meth charges

Both appeared in Wabash County Circuit Court this week for initial hearings

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Two women – one from North Manchester and another from Goshen – were arrested late last month on various felony methamphetamine charges.

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, North Manchester Police

Department (NMPD) Chief Jim Kirk said they had Kendra A. Dotson, of North Manchester, in custody after they say she was dealing methamphetamine in the area.

Kirk said “after a lengthy investigation” by the NMPD, Wabash County Sheriff’s Department

(WCSD), Indiana State Police (ISP) and the Wabash County Drug Task Force (WCDF), police served a search warrant on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at a residence on Singer Road in North Manchester.

Kirk said the warrant was served “after establishing probable cause that Dotson was using the residence to store and traffic methamphetamine.”

“Dotson was found to be

in possession of approximately 45 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and evidence of dealing methamphetamine,” said Kirk.

Dotson was arrested at the scene and has been charged with three felonies, including Level 2 dealing in methamphetamine, Level 3 possession of methamphetamine and Level 6

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Squire Band thrives, even through pandemic challenges



Provided photos

The band's show this year is a “Western Adventure.”

On Saturday, they hope to qualify for its sixth trip to Scholastic Finals

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The long months since the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Indiana in early 2020 have been hard for everyone, as Manchester High School (MHS) band director Jeff Huber can attest.

“COVID-19 has made many parts of band more difficult and impacts how we rehearse, travel and the performances,” said Huber.

Huber said students being quarantined have been a challenge as well, but, luckily, “no cases have been transmitted or anyone quarantined from being contact traced during band class this year or last year.”

“Band students know how to work together and help

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This school year, in addition to home football games the Squire Band has worked hard to win and place in several competitions.

ISDH reports 100th local COVID-19 death

Parkview Health plans to follow federal employee vaccine mandates

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Friday, Wabash County passed a grim milestone as the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported the 100th local COVID-19 death.

Over the weekend, the ISDH reported the 94th and 95th COVID-19 deaths in Wabash County. Then, on Tuesday, the ISDH reported the 96th local COVID-19 death. On Wednesday, the ISDH reported the 97th and 98th local COVID-19 death. On Thursday, the ISDH reported the 99th local COVID-19 death.

Since the pandemic began, Wabash County has now tallied more than 5,100 cases of COVID-19 total.

On Tuesday, ISDH deputy chief of staff and Office of Public Affairs director Jennifer O'Malley said according to their most recent data chronicling the recent surge of COVID-19 infections, “the vast majority of deaths are occurring among people who are not vaccinated.”

According to the ISDH's most recent data on

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Two WCS board seats are now open

Applications are due by Friday, October 29

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The city of Wabash is now accepting applications for appointees to two Wabash City School (WCS) board seats.

On Wednesday, Mayor Scott Long's assistant Bev Vanderpool said the selected appointees will begin service on Jan. 1, 2022, and serve for four years.

Application forms are available from Vanderpool through noon Friday, Oct. 29 at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.

Vanderpool said applicants must live within the WCS district to be considered. Members wishing reappointment must complete a new application. The applicants will be interviewed in a public meeting.

Unlike MSD and Manchester Community Schools, WCS board members are appointed instead of being elected. They are one of the few school boards in the state of Indiana that is appointed,

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Annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza will return to Wabash

Guests can come in costume for trick-or-treating, food, live music, more

STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace is presenting its fifth annual Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza on the Miami Street block between Market and Canal streets in downtown Wabash, according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

This free event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. The public

is invited to trick-or-treat at various downtown businesses and enjoy family-friendly activities.

Returning for the third year, Wabash Trucking will bring one of its roll-off trucks to dump more than one ton of candy onto Miami St. for trick-or-treaters.

Candy will cascade to Miami Street promptly at 5 p.m. and trick-or-treaters can

collect their candy until 7 p.m. “Wabash Trucking will hide a Gebhart Golden Ticket inside a random candy bar included in the truckload of candy with a ‘spooktacularly sweet’ prize package for one lucky winner,” said Ellis.

In addition to the truckload of candy on Miami St., Bachelor Creek Church will present an outdoor Costume Contest at 6 p.m. Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St. Guests are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to secure spots in the contest. The contest will

be judged by age categories and a group/family award. One prize will be awarded per category. Categories include Birth to 2 years, 3 to 6 years, 7 to 12 years, 12-plus/Teen/Adult and Group/Family.

Other events happening during the Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza include live music by Adam Strack on Market Street Grill's outdoor balcony, bounce house and glow sticks courtesy of New Song Church, variety of local food trucks, Wabash Fire Department Fire Engine, Wabash

Police Department officer and squad car, fall photo booth by Kaleigh M. Photography, life-size elephant sculpture at Modoc's Market, a variety of community vendors on Miami Street and Trolley No. 85 will run a route in downtown Wabash.

In the case of rain or inclement weather, Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 in downtown Wabash.

The city of Wabash's trick-or-treat hours are from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

PULSE

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Brumbaugh-Smith dancing to Leroy Anderson’s Blue Tango. Holiday Concert on Dec. 12, 2021, in Cordier features the Carol Symphony by Victor Hely-Hutchinson, Sleigh Ride by Frederick Delius, March Militaire by Franz Schubert and The Skater’s Waltz by Émile Waldteufel. Trailblazers is March 13, 2022, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor. The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, 2022, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

Manchester University Homecoming Week continues

Manchester University’s Homecoming Week has been planned through Saturday, Oct. 9. Virtual events have been planned all week and activities on campus have been planned for Saturday, Oct. 9. For more information, visit www.manchester.edu/alumni/events/homecoming/.

Woman’s Clubhouse to hold October luncheon and program

The Woman’s Clubhouse will welcome Dennis Grumpp for their Tuesday, Oct. 12 luncheon and program, according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will begin at noon. The MSD retired teachers will host the program “‘Bee’ My Honey.” Grumpp will speak on the “contribution of honey bees to our lives,” said Stouffer. For more information, call 260-563- 6613 or 619-990-7088.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold October meeting

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave., according to regent Barbara Amiss. The program will be given by Dianne Sedam, northern district director, of Indiana DAR. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

American Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunities

The American Red Cross has scheduled a regular blood drive

from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 Mill St. Also, a blood drive in honor of Kole Adamiec, 6, of North Manchester, who is fighting cancer, has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Manchester Elementary School, 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Grow Wabash County’s Annual Dinner Celebration set for Thursday, Oct. 14

Grow Wabash County has announced that MPS Egg Farms has been selected as the 2021 Business of the Year and will be honored during Grow Wabash County’s Annual Dinner Celebration from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/2021annualdinner, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

NMPL plans return of its annual Halloween Party

The North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) is planning a return of their popular annual Halloween Party from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. Tacos Los Gordos will be selling a menu of tacos and quesadillas. The outdoor party would be open to every and feature wagon rides, a spooky egg hunt, hand painting, party games and more. Costume categories will include Spookiest, Silliest, Best Duo, Best Baby, Best Group and Best in Show.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool from September 2021 through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May

3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Oct. 19, 2021; Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Fright Night Trolley No. 85 Tour planned

Visit Wabash County has announced the Fright Night Trolley No. 85 Tour. The tour will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, is \$30 per person, and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center in downtown Wabash. You must be 21 years of age or older to sign up. Led by history enthusiast Heather Allen and Wabash County Museum archives director TJ Honeycutt, this tour will explore the continuing tale about the infamous John Hubbard. Snacks and cocktails will be served along the tour. Tickets for the Fright Night Trolley No. 85 Tour are \$30 per person and all-inclusive. This is a tour for those ages 21 and up and participants must be able to walk unassisted, as there will be uneven ground and long walking required. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours or 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171. Payment is due upon registration.

Annual Dash in the Bash 5K planned at the Wabash County YMCA






The Wabash County YMCA has announced the Annual Dash in the Bash 5K for Saturday, Oct. 30. Registration is open with early bird pricing of \$25. Sign up online or by stopping by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA. Proceeds benefit the Promise Indiana Wabash County Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit www.wabashcountymmca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountymmca.org. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.wabashcountymmca.org/support-y/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymmca.org.

Dr. Ford Home announces ‘fun, family-friendly’ event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash’s trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.





Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash-plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Saturday Partly Cloudy 79 / 64	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 84 / 65	 Monday Chance Showers 82 / 63	 Tuesday Chance Showers 76 / 57	 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 79 / 61
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 7:12 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:48 a.m.

 First 10/12	 Full 10/20	 Last 10/28	 New 11/4
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 79°, humidity of 65%. South southeast wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 64°. Southeast wind 7 to 10 mph. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 84°, humidity of 62%. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.



Provided photos

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BAND

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each other,” said Huber. The 2021 Squire Band is 32 members strong with 15 woodwinds, nine brass players, three percussionists and four guards. The band is a five-time ISSMA Scholastic Class B Finalist in 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018. On Saturday, Oct. 9, the band hopes to qualify at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne for its sixth trip to Scholastic Finals. Huber said over the summer the marching band had several practices including a two-week band camp where they rehearse eight hours a day. During the school year, the marching band rehearses for several hours outside of school and daily during class. This school year, in addition to home football games the Squire Band has worked hard to win and place in several competitions. The Squire Band’s competition season started with a bang at Goshen High School on Saturday, Sept. 11. The band won its class Scholastic B and swept all captions for Best Music, Best Visual and Best Effect. “The band had a great performance despite some hot conditions,” said Huber. “Their show this year is a ‘Western Adventure.’ It’s a classic cowboy show as the band embarks on a cattle drive, camps under the stars, battles cattle rustlers and rides off into the sunset. Music comes from great westerns like ‘The Magnificent Seven,’ ‘How the West Was Won’ and ‘The Red Pony.’” Before that, it had been almost two years since the last time they had competed as all Indiana marching band competitions during



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the 2020 season were canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. “The band worked extremely hard this year. Two years is a long time to miss marching and we had a lot of obstacles to overcome. It’s great to see the students’ hard work paying off. I’m excited to see how far we can go this season,” said Huber. On Monday, Sept. 25, the Squire Band placed bands in Scholastic Class B at Carroll High School in their new football stadium. “The contest was very close with four good bands in the class,” said Huber. The band took second behind Whitko, beating out Bremen and Heritage. On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Squire Band won Best

Music and placed second in Scholastic Class B at Plymouth High School. Tri-County narrowly placed ahead of Manchester, with Wawasee placing third and Heritage fourth. “This was a really hard week,” said Huber. “Several students were in and out due to quarantine and illness, and there was a time when we weren’t sure if we were going to be able to compete Saturday. The band worked hard and pulled off a great performance. They put themselves in a great position heading into Prelims next week and kept themselves in a competitive position.” Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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Obituaries

Brent Andrew Woodyard

May 19, 1982 – Oct. 6, 2021

Brent Andrew Woodyard, 39, of Wabash, Indiana, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born on May 19, 1982, in Covington, Kentucky, to William “Bryan” Woodyard and Barbara Ann (Martineck) Baum.

Brent worked for Millwright Solutions in Wabash. He enjoyed shooting guns, working and rebuilding engines, riding his motorcycle, hiking, camping, and being outdoors. Brent could always find a friend wherever he went, and was known as someone you could count on. He was the life of the party, quick witted, and was passionate at everything he did. His family and friends are mourning his loss, but they take comfort in knowing he is at peace, and out of pain.

He is survived by his mother and father, Barbara and Mark Baum of Wabash, two daughters, Massey Woodyard and Alliston Woodyard, both of Corinth, Kentucky, three siblings, Johnathan Woodyard of Wabash, Bernadette (Andrew) Trapani of Corinth, and Kellie (Daniel) Woodling of Wabash, four step-siblings, Kevin (Misty) Baum of Centerburg, Ohio, Eric (Kaci) Baum of Johnstown, Ohio, Jaimie (Eli) Mann of Gardnersville, Kentucky, and Brandi (Adam) Gaines of Owenton, Kentucky, step-mother, Tammy Woodyard of Somerset, Kentucky, grandmother, Shirley



Baum of Decatur, Illinois, great-grandmother, Mitzuko Benge of San Juan Capistrano, California, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins that loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, Jack and Dorothy Boots, Kenneth and Hazel Woodyard, Robert “Marty” and Gay Martineck, Forrest Baum, Ervin and Betty Ashcraft, and two cousins.

Funeral services will be 3:00 pm, Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Jeremy Yeadon officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 12:30 – 3:00 pm, Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is to Brent’s family for expenses. The memorial guest book for Brent may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Delores Horne

Oct. 17, 1950 – Oct. 7, 2021

Delores Horne, 70, North Manchester, died Oct. 7, 2021. She was born Oct. 17, 1950 in Logan County, West Virginia.

Surviving are her sons, Allen (Billie) Horne, Bryan (Debbie) Horne, Chris (Betty) Horne, Donnie (Rebecca) Horne, and John (Carrrie) Neely; daughters, Kim (James) Hunt, Donna (Lonnrie) Click, Sandra (James) Miller, and Debbie Turner;

brother, Oscar (Kathy) Dingess; sisters, Virgie (Jake) Shepherd, Carolyn (Randy) France, Mildred (Randy) Eckman, and Pamela Craft; thirty-one grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

Visitation Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 from 9:00-12:00 at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services begin at the conclusion of calling.

Graceanna Royer Ramseier

Jan. 29, 1932 – Oct. 6, 2021

Graceanna Royer Ramseier, 89, North Manchester, died Oct. 6, 2021. The last living child of Jonas and Beulah (Mote) Royer, Graceanna was born in Servia, Indiana on Jan. 29, 1932.

Graceanna is survived by her sons, James (Brenda) Garber and Jeffrey (Brenda) Ramseier; daughter, Annette (Tom) Stensel; ten grandchildren; fourteen

great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021 from 10:00-12:00 noon at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery County.

Final arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Beverly M. ‘Bev’ Michael

March 9, 1940 – Oct. 6, 2021

Beverly M. “Bev” Michael, 81, North Manchester, died Oct. 6, 2021. Born in Wabash, Indiana, on March 9, 1940, Bev was the daughter of the late Donald E. and Clara E. (Chalk) Michael.

Bev is survived by her daughter, Brenda (Frank) Howat; brother, Danny J. (Barbara) Michael; sister, Serita Strobel; step-grand-

children, Frank Howat Jr. and Amy Howat; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Private services for Bev Michael will be held at a later date with burial at Ulrey Memorial Cemetery, 2507 State Road 14, Silver Lake, Indiana.

The family of Bev Michael has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Ray K. Hopkins

March 29, 1928 – Oct. 5, 2021

Ray K. Hopkins, 93, of Peru, passed away at 2:58 PM, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 at Miller’s Merry Manor East, Wabash, IN. He was born March 29, 1928 in Huntington, Indiana to Marion (Frank) and Mildred Bolinger Hopkins. Ray married Carolyn J. Binkerd on Nov. 12, 1950 in the St. James United Brethren Church in Peru and she survives.

Ray graduated from Butler Township School in 1946 and the Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heating Industrial Training Institute in Chicago in 1948. He was a true American Patriot serving God, country and his family in the U.S. Army.

Ray worked for Sears Roebuck & Co in Wabash and Peru for 24 years as a salesman and was a farmer. He was a Butler Township Trustee and Assessor for 6 years and Miami County Commissioner for 12 years.

Ray was an active member of Richvalley United Methodist Church since 1952 and Gideon International since 1979. He was a member of Farm Bureau and a charter member of Richvalley Lions Club. Ray served on the Miami County 4-H Fair Board in the 1970s and served on the Indiana Regional V Quabache Planning Commission.

Ray was on the Mississinewa Resource Development Association. Ray organized the first Boy Scout Troop in Richvalley, serving as Scoutmaster in the 1950s.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Joyce Cardwell, Betty Flora and brother Marion (Bob) Hopkins and son Michael Ray Hopkins. He is survived by



his wife, Carolyn and daughter Vickie (Randy) Thrush of Wabash and grandchildren Sheryl (Matt) Hodson of Wabash, Serena (Jonathan) Acker of Westfield and David (Katie) Thrush of McCordsville, great grandchildren Anna Hodson, Nathaniel Hodson, Aria Thrush, Emery Thrush and Gavin Acker and sisters Lucille Shepler and Sandra (James) Surface.

A service celebrating the life of Ray K. Hopkins will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 at the Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 North Jefferson St Wabash IN 46992 with Pastor J. Robert Clark and Pastor Jack Suits officiating. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery, Miami County, IN. Family and friends will gather from 1:00 to 2:00 PM Saturday at the church. The service will be lived streamed through Facebook on Richvalley United Methodist Church Group.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Gideons or Miami County Helping Hands.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970.

Catherine Elaine ‘Cathy’ Davenport

Nov. 16, 1967 – Oct. 6, 2021

Catherine Elaine “Cathy” Davenport, 53, of rural Roann, Indiana, died at 6:50 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She was born Nov. 16, 1967, in Wabash, Indiana, to Bric E. Dome and Linda L. (Graves) McColley.

Cathy married Mark W. Davenport in Wabash, on November 16, 1991. She was a home health care worker. Cathy was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. She enjoyed flowers, scrap booking, and quilting.

She is survived by her husband, Mark W. Davenport of Roann, two daughters, Cayla (AJ) Jackson and Heather (Jesse) Elza, both of Fort Wayne, three grandchildren, sisters and brother, Lavada (Woody) Jarrett of Logan-



ville, Georgia, Gregory (Becky) Dome of Pierceton, Indiana, and Elissa (Bill) Gore of Wabash Coutny, Indiana, and special friends the Trent Penrod family. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Andrew Michael Dome, and her sister, LaDonna Dome.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. State Road 15, Wabash, with Pastor Joel Cogdell officiating. Friends may call 5-8 pm Monday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery at a later date.

The memorial guest book for Cathy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Beverly Jean Neher

Nov. 14, 1931 – Oct. 4, 2021

Beverly Jean Neher, 89, North Manchester, died Oct. 4, 2021. She was born on Nov. 14, 1931.

Jean is survived by her husband, Don Neher; sons, Lee (Mary) Neher and Duane (Kathy) Neher; daughters, Gail (Steve) Hoke and Brenda Blacklaw; grandchildren, Amy Yanagiha, Jen Neher, Greg Neher, Heather

Howard, Ben Wright, Andy Wright, Trent Furnivale, and Daniele Blacklaw; and foster daughters, Becky Osbum, Sheila Culp, and Lisa Dennis.

Memorial service will be held Oct. 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana, will calling starting at 12:00.

ARRESTED

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maintaining a common nuisance.

“A Level 2 felony carries a sentencing range of 10 to 30 years, with an advisory of 17.5 years,” said Kirk.

Kirk said another female, Melissa A. Johnson, of Goshen, was arrested after leaving Dotson’s on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 29.

“WCSD Deputy Devin Bechtold located 28 grams

of suspected methamphetamine on Johnson’s person during a traffic stop,” said Kirk.

Johnson was arrested and has been charged with three felonies, including Level 2 dealing in methamphetamine, Level 4 possession of methamphetamine and Level 6 unlawful possession of a syringe.

“A criminal charge is merely an accusation. Every defendant is innocent until proven guilty,” said Kirk.

Both women appeared in

the Wabash County Circuit Court on Monday, Oct. 4 for their initial hearings.

According to court records, Dotson and Johnson entered pleas of not guilty. Both said would be retaining private counsel. Trial dates in the cases are set for 8:30 a.m. March 22, 2022, and March 23, 2022. Pretrial conferences were set for 1 p.m. Feb. 21, 2022. Bond for each was set at \$40,000 surety and \$250 cash. Both were placed on special terms of bond for substance abuse. An omnibus

for reappointment,” said Kelsheimer.

In December 2020, Kelsheimer and Jason Fry were appointed to fill the two open seats they had available at that time.

Before the final decision was made during an executive session, the Wabash City

date was set for Dec. 6. A status of counsel hearing was set for 1 p.m. Oct. 21, which they will not need to appear for if their private counsels have filed formal appearances. The state requested a 15-day hold on both, which was granted by Judge Robert R. McCallen II.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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Council had a chance to interview each of the five prospective candidates. During each of these 20-minute sessions, they had a chance to ask about their experience, knowledge, interest and qualifications in the open positions.

During that meeting, by a vote of 4-1, with District 3

Manchester University announces local Honors Program selections

Four Wabash County first-year students chosen

STAFF REPORT

Manchester University has selected 41 first-year students to join the Honors Program, including four Wabash County students, according to a press release.

“The Honors Program at Manchester provides academically accomplished students with a collaborative community that enhances students’ learning, creativity and discovery,” stated the release. “The Honors Program at Manchester focuses on developing students into leaders, on-campus and in the

community. Local students selected include Kaden Dillon, of North Manchester; Luke Ramer, of North Manchester; Erin Russell, of Wabash; and Elaine Shock, of North Manchester.”

“The Honors Program at Manchester is unique in that students are encouraged to design their personalized academic projects. Our hope is this provides students more possibilities as they challenge themselves with complex perspectives and interdisciplinary ideas,” said associate professor and program director Tim McKenna-Buchanan.

Resilience and love in Louisiana

Mattresses waiting for sanitation pickup. Downed trees. Trees pruned by nature. Bags and bags and bags of

Kathryn Lopez



because they didn’t get a chance to empty the freezer before the storm hit and the power went out.

Arriving in the Pelican State just weeks after the latest hurricane struck, I didn’t know what to expect – I was even worried I would be in the way of recovery. Sure enough, the local family-owned hotel I stayed at was still getting its roof fixed – a ceiling collapsed in one of the rooms during the storm. But the last thing I felt like there was an imposition.

I saw the gymnasium at St. Stephen School in New Orleans, which had sustained water damage – layers of the roof coming off, filling the room with water, cutting it off for use. By the mercy of God – and a high location and solid construction – the classrooms were largely unharmed, and an impressive number of children were back in school, albeit in hybrid form, when I visited. The pastor of the church plans to begin rebuilding as soon as possible.

In storm-damaged Louisiana, there is not victimhood, but resilience and gratitude. I asked an Uber driver – a single mom of two who had to quit her job as a schoolteacher during the height of COVID to stay home and help her children – if it’s hard living in Louisiana. “Not at all,” she said. “Life always has its challenges, but God is good, and our lives are gifts, and we must live them in love of and trust in Him.” Now there are some words of wisdom we can all use.

My hosts, the founders of the Witness to Love marriage mentoring ministry, had already had COVID-19 twice. But they’re moving forward, doing the work of raising and supporting families. They are full of trust and love, and they are doing the Lord’s work. Back at St. Stephen’s,

one is reminded of why education is some of the most important work there is. When we celebrate frontline workers, parents and teachers surely should be among them. The school is 90 percent Black – most of the students coming from poverty and failing public schools. “They have experienced things that as an adult, I can’t imagine,” St. Stephen’s principal, Rosie Kendrick, tells me. There are also some middle-class students from the neighborhood. “Everyone plays and learns together regardless of where they come from. They are great and innocent and funny and resilient. Every day I’m reminded just how good God is!”

“We focus on not only taking the best, but creating the best,” Kendrick says. “We embrace the idea that all students can learn. We create a safe learning space, where students are not judged, but loved; they are not ridiculed, but praised; not punished, but taught.”

Before the storm, she remembers, there was an unmissable sign in the school’s foyer that read: “When you enter this loving school, consider yourself one of the special members of an extraordinary family.” That pretty much sums up the approach of the school, which begins and ends its day with the proclamation: “God is good.” It seems to capture not only the character of Louisiana, but what the rest of us ought to aspire to as well. Their work there saves lives and souls – giving children a chance, equipping them for life in this world. (If you care to donate, any money received beyond the reconstruction needs will go to the school’s endowment, an investment in ensuring the school will remain to serve the children in need of a solid foundation. Go to ststephencs.org/donate-today.)

That’s the St. Stephen’s family approach, and the approach of most of the New Orleans residents I encountered. It’s the only way to move together.

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BOARD

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not elected. Wabash City Council appoints members to fill the next term.

On Thursday, WCS board president Rod Kelsheimer said was a scheduled process

that commences each year when there are board member terms that are about to expire.

Kelsheimer said this year they have two terms which will be expiring on Dec. 31 – board secretary Rhonda Hipskind and board vice president Bill Konyha.

“Both would be eligible

for reappointment,” said Kelsheimer.

In December 2020, Kelsheimer and Jason Fry were appointed to fill the two open seats they had available at that time.

Before the final decision was made during an executive session, the Wabash City

councilmember Terry Brewer dissenting. Kelsheimer was approved for re-appointment after serving his first term.

Then WCS board vice president Tony Pulley did not seek re-appointment. To fill that seat, the council unanimously approved Fry. Richard (Dick) Brewer, Clint Kugler and Co-

rey Phillipy also applied for the positions but were not selected. At a later full Wabash City Council meeting, both Fry and Kelsheimer were approved unanimously.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

DAILY SCRIPTURE

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:3

The U.S. doesn't need so many political appointees

Nearly nine months into Joe Biden's presidency, scores of senior executive-branch positions remain unfilled. Presidential nominations for more than 200 posts have not yet been announced, and more than 200 nominees await Senate confirmation. Republican politicians are much to blame for indiscriminately blocking votes on Biden's picks, but the logjam also underscores a bigger problem with political appointments. There are far too many.

Out of 2 million federal employees, about 4,000 are appointed by the president, and roughly 1,200 of those require confirmation by the Senate. The appointments clause of the Constitution requires that the president seek the advice and consent of the Senate for all foreign ambassadors and principal government officers. Once mostly limited to cabinet secretaries, that second category now includes dozens of deputy secretaries and undersecretaries; 190 U.S. attorneys and marshals; 60 legal and oversight positions; and hundreds of independent agency officials, commissioners and policy-board members.

As the number of positions needing confirmation have grown, so has the partisanship surrounding them. Individual senators often use procedural tactics to freeze the system even for well-qualified nominees, forcing the Senate to hold time-consuming cloture votes just to bring nominations to the floor. A process that took 56 days on average during Ronald Reagan's administration extended to 117 days under President Donald Trump.

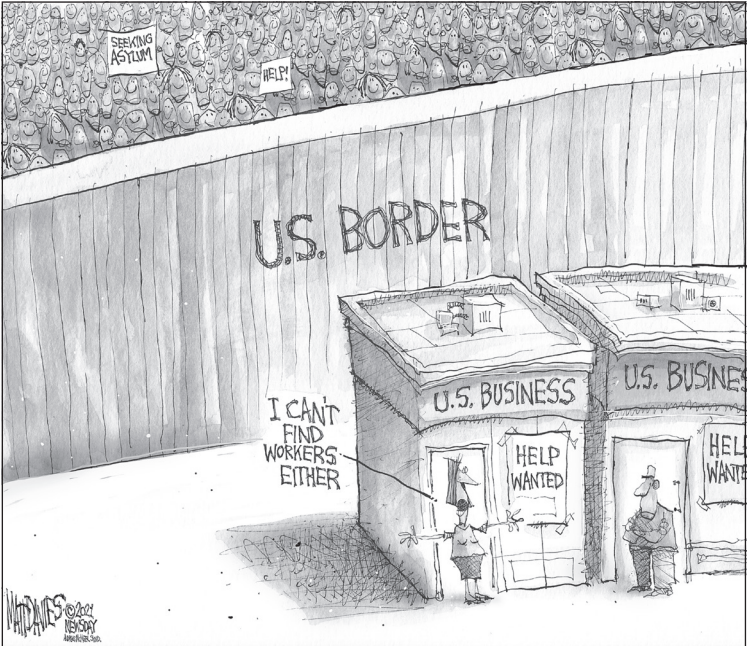
To this point, Biden has been barely more successful than Trump in getting his nominees to key posts confirmed, partly due to blanket holds placed by Texas Senator Ted Cruz. That's left the government ill-equipped to manage an array of diplomatic and immigration-related crises. The assistant secretaries of state overseeing policies toward Afghanistan and Latin America weren't confirmed until Sept. 13. Meanwhile, nominees for posts concerned with the Middle East, arms control and immigration are languishing in the Senate.

The White House and both parties in Congress need to fix this. Republicans such as Cruz and Missouri's Josh Hawley should drop arbitrary holds and allow votes on nominees for vital national-security posts. The administration should identify and eliminate Senate-confirmed positions that are redundant or have remained vacant across multiple administrations. And the White House and Congress should reduce the number of mid-level appointments and members of federal commissions and boards subject to Senate approval.

Above all, the U.S. should stop putting under-qualified political appointees in jobs better carried out by career professionals. Administrative positions dealing with the federal agencies' budgets, operations and management should be converted to career status and filled by senior civil servants. Making policy jobs below the rank of undersecretary permanent career positions — as in most other advanced democracies — is also worth serious consideration. Giving more authority to experienced professionals would help federal agencies perform better, reduce leadership turnover and shrink government bloat.

Unfortunately, the country's political leaders agree on vanishingly few priorities — but building a capably staffed bureaucracy ought to be one of them. Reducing the number of presidential appointees and empowering a more professional work force would make Washington leaner and more effective. That's something both parties should want.

— This editorial was first published in Bloomberg.



Automation and labor market challenges

Today, many businesses struggle to hire the workers they need. Whatever the causes, this current challenge will surely prompt widespread changes by employers. This type of adjustment isn't a new phenomenon, but economists allocate very little time explaining the mechanics of change. Nor do we explain that these types of corrections are normal and generally, if not always, make society better off. This is true across many types of labor market changes. But, even as the world improves, there are some winners and losers, or rather each of us experience some benefits and costs. That too is worth explaining, along with some examples.

When businesses cannot hire enough workers at the wage they think is appropriate, they call it a labor shortage. Of course, workers get a voice in work as well, and a business thinking a wage is fair doesn't matter if a worker doesn't agree. This process of workers matching with employers is messy and slow, and government cannot do much about it. We try of course, and states are all funded by the federal government to create an online help-wanted database. It's even possible that in a few years, with a few million dollars more, some states will have just as good a system as monster.com had back in 2004.

The big challenge in matching workers isn't information about job availability, but rather information about job quality and wages. High worker turnover is a sign of mismatched information about job and worker. In times when there is more demand for than supply of workers, wages should rise. This increases the relative cost of workers and makes automation more cost effective.

In the decade and a half prior to the Great Recession, the U.S. experienced considerable labor market disruption due to inexpensive technology. This technology ranged from digitization of many machines, to inventory control and tracking to robotics. Whenever the cost of labor-saving technology is less than the cost of labor, firms automate some part of work. That experience should inform what we now see in labor markets. As it becomes expensive to hire new workers, business will automate some tasks.

As technology improves and more tasks can be automated, workers tend to fall into two categories — those who are mostly complements to the

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automation, and those who are primarily substitutes of automation. Complementary workers keep their jobs and are often paid better. Workers who are mostly substitutable become unemployed.

Of course, most of us fall into a continuum between the two. Technology helps us do some things better and replaces other tasks. Here, formal education appears to play a huge role. More formal schooling enables workers to more easily learn new tasks in the wake of new technology. Education, particularly higher education, serves a critical role in making a worker more 'automation proof.' Let me offer an example.

The field of economics is almost unrecognizable from the days I was an undergraduate student. Today, the internet holds abundant data, and desktop computers permit us to perform astonishingly complex analysis. This new technology permits one economist to do in a day what a whole team of researchers might have needed several months or years to perform back in 1980. This made economics less expensive, while improving quality. It also added a stunning number of research questions for us to ask and answer. The result was a large increase in the demand for economic research and economists.

This is a largely successful example, but it is worth noting that economists who couldn't adapt to the new techniques and technology largely disappeared. There are plenty examples of workers not adapting well.

This weekend, my family ordered groceries through a well-known delivery service. We'd purchased two deliveries during COVID and the second was about to expire. The experience was horrible. The scanned products, like cereal were fine, but the fruit purchase was a disaster. For Granny Smith apples, we received Gala apples. Instead of plums we received nectarines, and instead of bananas we were delivered plantains.

I don't mean to be cruel, for there are people I know and respect who perhaps eat plantains. But, it must be said that plantains are to bananas, what firewood is to cantaloupe. They aren't even sold near one another so as to avoid such a grisly error.

Oddly, this wasn't even the worst part of the delivery. Nearly all the wrong fruit we received was either bruised and spoiling or so unripe as to be inedible for a week or so. This experience highlights precisely the type of human skill that machines are very unlikely to replace. Almost all the fruit was labelled, so the personal shopper should not have made such errors. But, if you haven't actually seen a plantain, you'd be easily fooled into thinking it was a gloriously large banana. If you've ever eaten one, you'd never make that mistake again. It is the culinary equivalent of petting a skunk you think is a cat.

Technology may be able to distinguish between bananas and plantains, but we are a long way from low-cost methods of choosing the perfectly ripe cantaloupe or watermelon. Humans are uniquely suited to make such distinctions. Clearly 200,000 years of evolution and a tightly integrated sense of smell, vision and touch confer us with unique capacity to judge such matters. I find it unlikely that anytime soon a robotic personal shopper will replace fruit chosen by a human. This personal shopper didn't have a robotics problem, but instead a problem of carelessness.

These two skills vary across the entire domain of formal education. Formulating and testing a scientific hypothesis usually requires close to eight years of college education. Distinguishing ripe from unripe fruit requires a few human senses and some experience shopping with a discerning parent. In both cases, technology can combine to make these productive jobs, the adjustment period can be long and require substantial changes to consumers and businesses.

Despite the many skills we are gifted with as humans, the best evidence is that the humans who are exposed through more formal education will be more productive. That higher productivity will mean higher wages. There is a natural limit to selecting fruit by hand, but there are no such limits to many other tasks that combine with automation. There will be some opportunities for these peculiarly human tasks. But, it has always been the case that more formal education is a key to insulating individual workers and the places they live from the risk of automation.

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Solutions for connectivity

In this day and age, having access to reliable internet is imperative. Some Hoosiers use the internet for work, but our reliance on the internet touches many different facets of our lives, such as our

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finances, health care and education. While our state has put many resources toward improving our broadband infrastructure, we have struggled getting reliable broadband access to unserved and underserved communities. When

this was joked about by Sen. Lindsey Graham during a congressional hearing when a Hoosiers' Zoom connection was going in and out, I immediately knew we had to do more.

This session, I authored Senate Enrolled Act 377, which now allows homeowners and business owners to apply for consideration for the Indiana Connectivity Program. The program allows applicants to report their lack of broadband access to the state with a phone call, letter or submission through an online portal. This will help the state identify where broadband expansions or improvements are needed to better serve all Hoosiers.

To be eligible, a location must have access to actual speeds of less than 25 Mbps (download) and 3 Mbps (upload). To report a lack of access, Hoosiers can utilize the Next Level Connections portal at in.gov/ocra/broadband or call the Indiana Broadband Connect Center at 833-639-8522. Hoosiers can also send a letter to report a lack of access.

It is my hope this new program will positively impact many Hoosiers plagued with unreliable internet. Gathering data through self-reporting will help our state continue to identify where those problems exist so the state can improve access in those areas. I am thankful for Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and her offices for their help on this project, and I look forward to getting Main Street moving again through this great legislation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this topic or others, please feel free to contact my office at Senator.Zay@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, represents District 17 in the Indiana State Senate.

LETTERS

Please compensate our totally and permanently disabled veterans fairly

Our disabled veterans are grossly under-compensated and have been for generations. This is most especially true for our totally and permanently disabled veterans. Our disabled veterans have been asking Congress for fair and adequate compensation since the end of World War I in 1918. That was 103 years ago. Where is it?

In 2021 a disabled veteran with no dependents is compensated at the ridiculous rate of \$39,097.92 annually. The National Average Wage Index for 2019 was \$54,099.99 per annum and the median income in 2019 was \$68,703. In 2020, the per capita gross domestic product of the USA was about \$62,000 a year, among the highest in the world. So why are our disabled veterans being compensated at such a miserly level?

Please introduce legislation as soon as possible in the 117th Congress to set compensation at least at the level of the National Average Wage Index for all types of totally and permanently disabled veterans.

And/or give federal income tax exclusion to all types of totally and permanently disabled veterans for all income regardless of source up to \$125K per annum. Thanks.

Bernard Fife
Fort Wayne

HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 2021. There are 83 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 9, 1967, Marxist revolutionary guerrilla leader Che Guevara, 39, was summarily executed by the Bolivian army a day after his capture.

Lifestyles

Bring on the braise

Now that the fall season is officially launched, it's time to braise. After all, 'tis the season for fleece and woolies, lighting the

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fireplace, and reaching for our Dutch ovens. It's time for cozy warmth and slow-food days, with the aromas of meat and spice wafting through the house. It's meant for braises, stews and roasts, accompanied by squidgy mashes and bubbling gratins. No matter the neck of the woods in which you live or the weather outside, autumn is in the air – and on the menu.

Short ribs are excellent for slow-cooked braises. The long cook time delivers flavor and fall-off-the-bone meat. Once cooked, reduce the braising juices for a thick and rich sauce that you can use to glaze the ribs and for serving. Ideally, take it even slower: Make the ribs a day in advance and let the cooked ribs muddle in the braising liquid overnight. Not only does this allow the flavors to develop even further, but the next day, the fat will have risen to the top and solidified, for easy removal and a clean sauce.

Braised and glazed short ribs
Active time: 40 minutes
Total time: 3 hours and 40 minutes
Yield: Serves 4 to 6
3 1/2 to 4 pounds short ribs

with bone
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
4 garlic cloves, chopped
1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
2 teaspoons sweet paprika
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 (750ml) bottle full-bodied red wine
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon brown sugar

Heat oven to 300 degrees. Season the short ribs on all sides with salt and pepper.

Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a Dutch oven or large, heavy, oven-proof pot with lid over medium-high heat. In batches, brown the short ribs on all sides without overcrowding the pan and transfer to a plate.

Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from the pot. Add the onion, carrot and garlic. Saute over medium-high heat, scraping up any brown bits, until the vegetables brighten in color and begin to soften, about 3 minutes. Add the tomato paste, paprika, cumin and coriander, and cook for about 1 minute, stirring constantly. Pour in the red wine, soy sauce, brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Return the short ribs to the pot, submerging them in the liquid. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer 2 to 3 minutes to allow the alcohol to burn off.

Cover the pot and transfer to the oven. Cook for 3 hours or until the meat is fork-tender, stirring occasionally. Remove the pot from oven.

(The ribs can be prepared



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in advance to this point. Cool the ribs in the sauce and refrigerate overnight in the pot. The next day, the fat will have risen to the top. Lift off the fat and discard. Gently warm the

pot on the stove to loosen the ribs from the stock and proceed with the recipe.) Increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees. Transfer the short ribs to a roasting pan or baking dish.

Bring the sauce to a boil over medium-high heat and boil until thickened and reduced by half, 10 to 12 minutes, skimming any fat from the top. Taste for seasoning and add more salt

if desired. Brush the meat with the reduced sauce. Place the roasting pan in the oven and roast the ribs until they are glazed and beginning to crisp, 12 to 15 minutes.

‘Flight nannies’ chaperone pandemic puppies to their new homes

By RACHEL HUTTON
Star Tribune (TNS)

MINNEAPOLIS — Just after sunrise on a recent Sunday, travelers hustling through MSP airport got an eyeful of cute near Gate C25: a curly-haired puppy, looking almost like a teddy bear come to life.

A little girl stopped to wave. A guy in a sport coat paused to ask about its breed. A lady dragging a roller bag screeched to a halt. “Omigod, so cute!” she exclaimed as she squatted down to snap a photo.

The apricot-colored, 10-week-old mini-goldendoodle seemed immune to the attention as it tugged on a chew toy held by Hope Lyberg, a “flight nanny” delivering the dog to its new owner.

The pandemic has spurred a rush to adopt puppies, but it’s also made prospective pet owners reluctant to travel to fetch one. That’s meant heightened demand for pup transporters.

“It blew up during COVID,” Lyberg said of the business she runs with her sister Brooke. “People love the convenience.”

In the past, the term “flight nanny” referred to an in-flight babysitter for young children, but in recent years it’s been used to describe an animal lover who escorts a puppy traveling – via airline cabin – to its new home. Nannies are hired by the puppy’s buyer, who finds one on their own or on the breeder’s recommendation.

Since officially launching Up North Puppy Nannies in 2020, the Fargo-based sisters have flown 50-some puppies to cities all over the country, including Boston, Phoenix, Atlanta and Los Angeles.

“It’s very rewarding work to be able to deliver puppies to their very excited families,” Brooke said.

For all the job’s appeal, it’s still a niche gig; there are only few puppy nannies in the area.

Brooke and Hope, 22 and 20 respectively, grew up in Minnesota’s northwest corner, just a few miles from the Canadian and North Dakota borders, along with two younger sisters, several horses and dogs.



Richard Tsong-Taataril / Minneapolis Star Tribune / TNS
At Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, puppy nanny Hope Lyberg held a mini-goldendoodle before she flew with it across the country to a new owner.

Hope’s interest in animals sparked the family’s foray into dog-related businesses. A high school job assisting a local puppy breeder helped Hope learn the basics. After Hope got a female mini-Aussiedoodle from the breeder, the dog had one final litter under the Lyberg family’s care. That experience inspired the sisters’ mother, Cheri, to get two female poodles and start a breeding business called Sister Doodles.

Hope made her first flight-nanny trip on Christmas Eve 2018, delivering two of her mini-Aussiedoodle’s puppies to a family in New Orleans, surprise gifts for their kids.

She was met with joy. “I was coming down the escalator and I had the puppies in my arms and the kids were screaming and crying,” Hope recalled.

Before long, Hope and Brooke began flying some of their mom’s puppies as well as those of other breeders in their area.

These days, the sisters live together in Fargo and work full time at a veterinary clinic, so they usually fly puppies on days off, typically a few times a month. But during a busy period last spring, the sisters did back-to-back weekend deliveries.

Rigorous national surveys of pet ownership don’t yet reflect the pandemic’s impact on household pet demographics. Anecdotally, breeders, pet stores, shelters and rescue groups nationwide have noted an uptick in demand for dogs.

Financial ‘FOMO’: How Facebook and Instagram can lead to bad spending habits

In the personal finance world, a common mantra has always been: “Don’t try to keep up with the Joneses.”

Financial advisers say this to keep people from overspending in their quest to look as good as, drive as nice a car as or vacation as often as the proverbial Jones family – who are probably living paycheck to paycheck and amassing credit card debt to fund their lavish lifestyle.

Then came Facebook, Instagram and other

social media platforms that amplified “FOMO,” or the fear of missing out. The ceaseless posts of people boasting about their fabulous clothes, cars, birthday parties, cruises or other spending sprees come fast and furious.

A few years ago, a video of a megachurch pastor went viral. He eventually was skewered for splurging on a \$200,000 Lamborghini for his wife – the big event captured on Instagram for all to envy. Showmanship was the point, because what else would motivate someone to capture such conspicuous consumption? Why tell the world that you got your spouse a car that cost the equivalent of a home in some Zip codes?

Social media amplifies the reach beyond people’s friendship groups and neighborhoods – and thus beyond their spending thresholds. The Joneses have been replaced by the Kardashian family’s flashiness.

Even the clan’s tiny tots sport glamorous outfits, strollers and accessories that cost more than some folks’ weekly paychecks. Part of their claim to fame and profits is their own products, touted on their social media platforms. Kylie Jenner just introduced baby products “tested and approved” by her 3-year-old daughter, Stormi. (A limited-edition Kylie Baby PR Box signed by Jenner goes for \$200 – for a baby. SMH!)

We now have more evidence

than ever from a whistleblower that Facebook knew that its various apps were pushing through posts that harm the self-image and mental health of young girls. Former Facebook product manager Frances Haugen recently outed herself as the source of leaked internal company data.

“Facebook in its current form is dangerous,” Haugen said in an interview with The Washington Post.

But it’s not just young girls who are being hurt. It’s not much of a leap to say these platforms are probably damaging people’s financial lives.

Wealth sells. It gets eyeballs.

Of course, checking out society pages, television shows and movies about the rich and famous and their extravagant lifestyles has always been a spectator sport. But now mobile devices are constantly ping-ponging people with images and stories that make them wish they had more luxuries of their own. It’s a daily barrage of boasting. Enough just isn’t enough when someone on Facebook or Instagram has more.

Seven in 10 Facebook users – and around 6 in 10 Instagram and Snapchat users – visit these sites at least once a day, according to the Pew Research Center. Majorities of 18-to-29-year-olds say they use Instagram or Snapchat, and about half say they use TikTok, Pew found.

In response to the outrage about its practices, Facebook said in a statement: “Every day our teams have to balance protecting the right of billions of people to express themselves openly with the need to keep our platform a safe and positive place.”

For many spendthrifts, these platforms are not a mentally safe space. It’s incredibly detrimental to consume so much of this media centered on consumption and the haves with their glamorously airbrushed lives. The documents Haugen shared show a system that feeds into users’ low self-esteem.

Social media is producing a new reference group of influenc-

ers. In-person peer pressure is bad enough, but now young girls and boys are trying to compete with people they don’t even know. In addition to hyper-sexualization that makes these young adults feel their bodies aren’t good enough, there’s the added supersized burden of dressing to impress on a world stage.

I’m the parent of three 20-somethings, and they’ve elected to keep their social media engagement to a minimum. At first, it was because my husband and I prohibited them from the platforms out of an abundance of caution. Once they were allowed to create accounts as older teens, they ultimately limited the usage on their own. The comparisons were psychologically damaging, even though they were living a pretty good life.

“It just made me feel bad about myself,” our eldest daughter said. “Comparing myself to the highlight reel of everyone’s life would leave me feeling that I wasn’t enough or didn’t have the lifestyle that I wanted when in reality I actually do.”

Much of what is viewed isn’t good for children or adults. In my community work, I’ve seen how people spend more money than they plan to or go into debt because they see so many friends and influencers living it up.

Social media can be a stress producer, which is why we all probably need less screen time. Watching others live what we think are better lives can make you feel worse about your own life – and that can affect your psychological and financial well-being.

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Wabash reaches sectional soccer championship

France's hat trick helps propel Apaches past Lakeland Christian Academy 5-0

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**
Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

Wabash's varsity boys soccer team shut out Lakeland Christian Academy on Wednesday night in the Apaches' opening round of sectional play, 5-0. With the victory, the Apaches will play in the sectional championship on Saturday afternoon for the first time in program history against Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian.

The Apaches were led by team goal leader (14), Jacob France who finished with three goals in the win, his second hat trick of the season.

Bill Benysh, head coach of the nine-win Apaches, was satisfied with the way his team executed their game plan.

"I felt like we controlled the game which was what we set out to do," Benysh said. "We wanted to deny them of good scoring opportunities and we did that. We basically executed the plan that we had going in, in being aggressive on their half of the field and just trying to get the ball back and well away from our goal."

The game-opening goal came off of an assist by Solomon France to Jacob France and gave Wabash the lead in the 13th minute of the first half.

Solomon France lead the team with two assists while Kolton Wilson and Troy Guenin-Hodson both notched one apiece.

It was more France to France to end the half when

Solomon France's free-kick set up a header by Jacob France, giving the Apaches a 2-0 lead going into the break.

Wabash took 12 shots on the night while Lakeland Christian Academy was limited throughout the match as the Apaches' defense limited the Cougars' chances on offense.

Greyson Deboard finished with four saves in the victory.

For the Apaches, Jacob France attributed their win primarily to their ability to keep their foot on the gas throughout the match while understanding the importance of getting the momentum on their side from the beginning.

"We came out with as much energy as possible in the first half. I can't even say we calmed down in the second half, we just kept going," France said.

"Once we start with one goal, we just kind of take the momentum with us into the second half and just never slow down."

Until Wednesday evening, the Apaches had never won a sectional match while also never managing to score a goal in tournament play as well.

Goals from Alvaro Martinez, a header assisted by a Troy Guenin-Hodson corner kick, and a Devin Coffman score midway through the second half helped Wabash continue to bury Lakeland Christian.

France scored his third goal of the game and completed his hat trick in the final minute of the match.



Apaches teammates celebrate a goal from Alvaro Martinez.



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On the heels of their win, Benysh admitted that their sectional win was as flawless of an effort as he has seen from his team all season.

"We've been in so many tight matches that in a way, we don't know how to react when we get a big lead," Benysh said. "At halftime, I told them we double our efforts and treat it like its zero to zero because that's what we are used to. They just executed and I'd say it was close to a perfect game for us."

Wabash will look to mirror

their winning efforts from their opening round of sectional play onto Saturday's match when they host Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (7-7-3) in the championship match at 2 p.m.

The Braves come into Saturday's game behind a 1-0 win over Lakewood Park Christian while being led by the team leader in goals, Noah Like (7) followed by Elliot Zimmerman (5).

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplaindealer.com.



Troy Guenin-Hodson had an assist.



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WABASH COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 26TH day of OCTOBER, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of: NICHOLAS & TERESA WESTENDORF for

VARIANCE #: 9 TO MAKE MORE THAN 1 SELL / SPLIT OF LESS THAN 20 ACES WITHIN A FIVE YEAR PERIOD AND A VARIANCE FROM THE MINIMUM ROAD FRONTAGE LOT WIDTH FOR BOTH LOTS.

The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as:

PART OF THE SOUTH WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 27N, RANGE RANGE 7E, LAGRO TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY 2.00 ACRES

A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
NOTICE: Indiana Code 36-7-4-920 forbids any person from communicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board.
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The project is the City's CSO Long Term Control Plan to mitigate the impacts of the City's Combined Sewer Overflows. This phase 4 project includes sewer separation, new storm sewers, new sanitary sewers, sanitary sewer rehabilitation and restoration in various areas of the City. Approximately 24,000 feet of storm and sanitary pipe will be replaced or rehabilitated, together with other general improvements to the sewage works of the City (such acquisition, construction and improvements shall be known collectively as the "Project").
The Bond Ordinance orders and directs that the cost of the Project will not exceed \$14,500,000, which will be funded from the issuance of sewage works revenue bonds issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,500,000 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will be payable solely from the net revenues of the sewage works. The Bonds will rank on parity with the City's bonds designated as the "City of Wabash, Indiana Sewage Works Refunding Revenue Bonds of 2016." The Bonds will bear interest at a rate not to exceed five percent (5.00%) per annum (the exact rate to be determined by bidding or negotiation).
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Copies of the plans and specifications for the Project, the Bond Ordinance and a rate ordinance adopted by the City relating to the Bonds are available for examination and copying at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City located in Wabash, Indiana during normal business hours. Objections to this project and the bonds may be filed in the time and manner provided by Indiana Code 36-9-23.
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BRADLY W. SCHMIDT, Deceased.
CAUSE NO. 85C01-2110-EU-00086
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of October, 2021, Kristian H. Schmidt was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Brady W. Schmidt, deceased, who died on the 9th day of July, 2021. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 7th day of October, 2021.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
Clerk of the Wabash Circuit Court
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In my friend's current emotional state, I'm afraid if I end my friendship with her, she'll never recover from the emotional trauma. She even tattooed my name on her wrist so she'd see it every time she wanted to cut herself, like she used to do before we met. What should I do? — Tied To Her

DEAR TIED: Start researching assertiveness training programs for yourself, because you sorely need more help than I can give you in one column. Discuss this with your wife for additional emotional support, because you are right — continuing to give your online friend financial help WILL destroy your marriage. After that, tell this needy woman you won't be sending her more money, and that you do not want her to contact you until she has moved closer to her sister so she can find the help she needs. Do not feel guilty for doing this. You have been extraordinarily generous to have let this go on for a decade.

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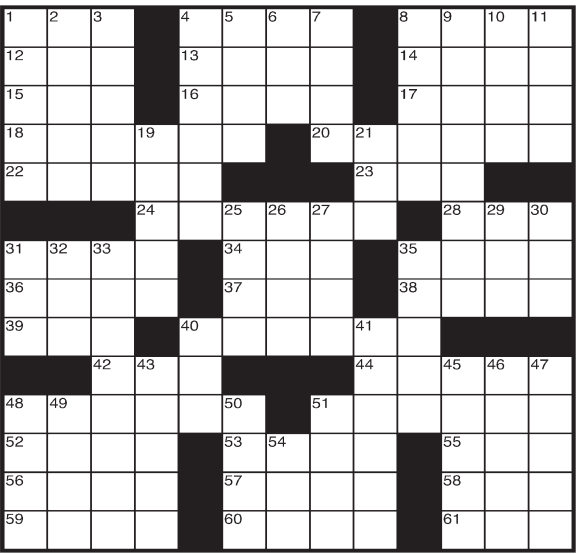
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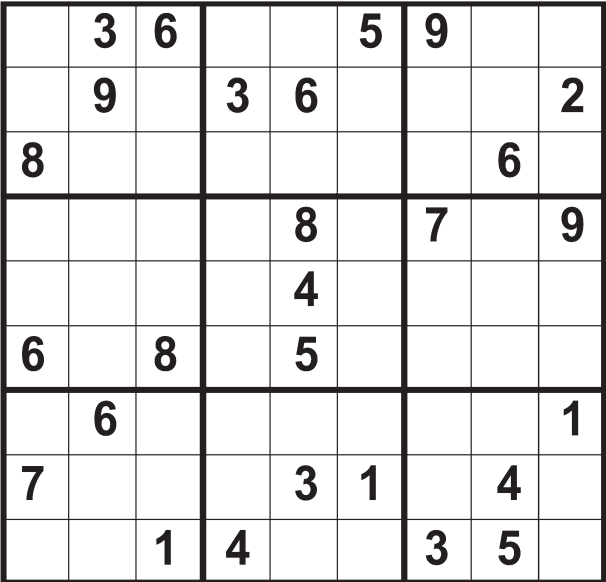
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 - 12 "Succession" network
 - 13 Healing plant
 - 14 Kyrgyzstan mountains
 - 15 Scrap of cloth
 - 16 Delts' neighbors
 - 17 Brownish-purple
 - 18 Husband of Isis
 - 20 Magic charm
 - 22 Edible grain
 - 23 Actress — Hagen
 - 24 Twinkled
 - 28 Pothole filler
 - 31 Strong fervor
 - 34 Reaction to a mouse
 - 35 Solder
 - 36 — 500
 - 37 Grain crop
 - 38 Cobras' kin
 - 39 Potpie veggie
 - 40 Flung
- DOWN**
- 1 Hurl
 - 2 Discomfit
 - 3 Cowboy's stray
 - 4 Elk
 - 5 Cheers for toreros
 - 6 Gigantic bird of myth
 - 7 Butte cousin
 - 8 On the fritz
 - 9 Laments loudly
 - 10 Marathon or 10K
 - 11 Reduce calories
 - 19 In an unrefined manner
 - 21 Soggy soil
 - 25 Pianist
 - 26 Door openers
 - 27 Barely makes ends meet
 - 29 Matterhorn
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 - 31 Zero, in sports
 - 32 Compass dir.
 - 33 Elliot novel (2 wds.)
 - 35 Nonswimmer, maybe
 - 40 Rug rat
 - 41 Avoided capture
 - 43 Did target practice
 - 45 Main artery
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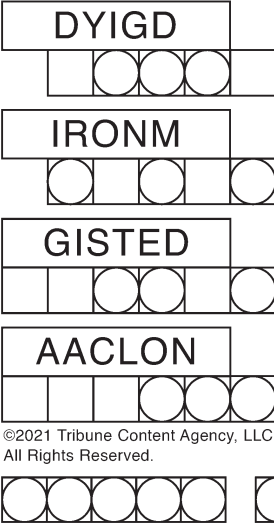
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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5	1	2	3	4	9	6	8	7
4	6	8	7	1	2	9	3	5
9	3	1	4	5	6	2	7	8
6	2	5	9	8	7	4	1	3
8	4	7	2	3	1	5	6	9
3	5	6	1	7	4	8	9	2
1	8	9	5	2	3	7	4	6
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Yesterday's Jumbles: SHRUG UPPER PRIMER INFAMY

Answer: After learning how to say "hello" in four languages, her parents gave her — "HI" PRAISE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

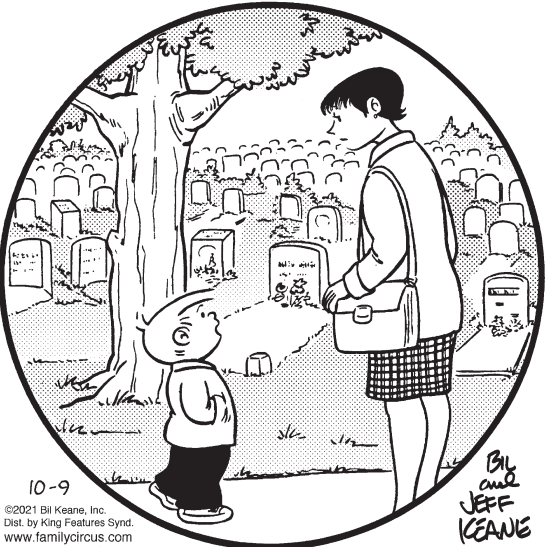


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

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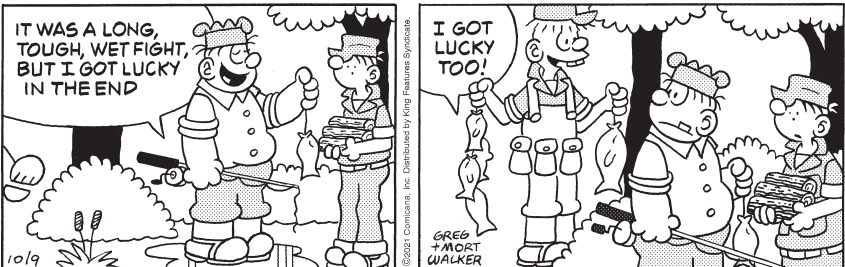
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"Grandma's right. There ARE lots of people dying to get to heaven."

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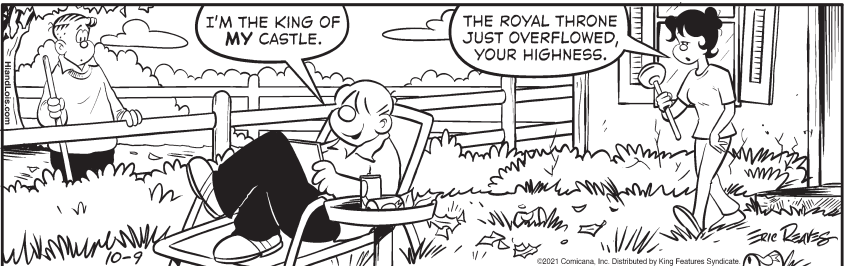
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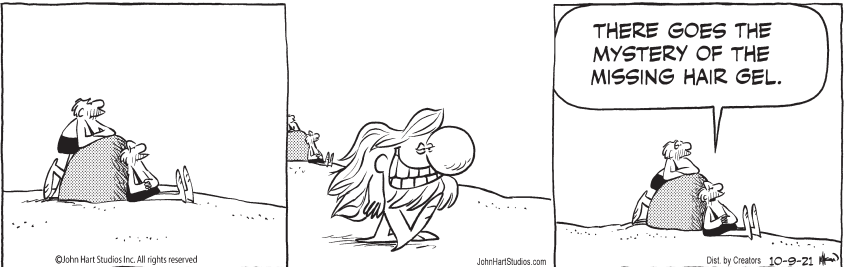
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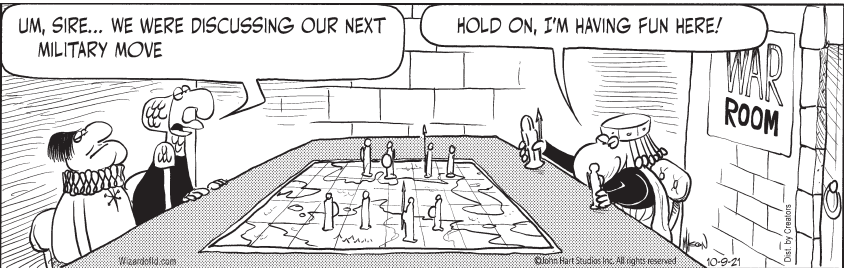
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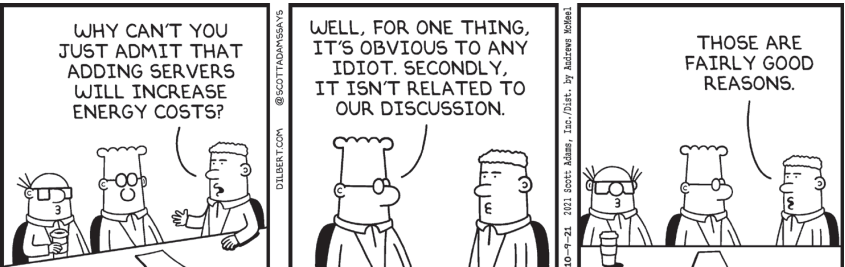
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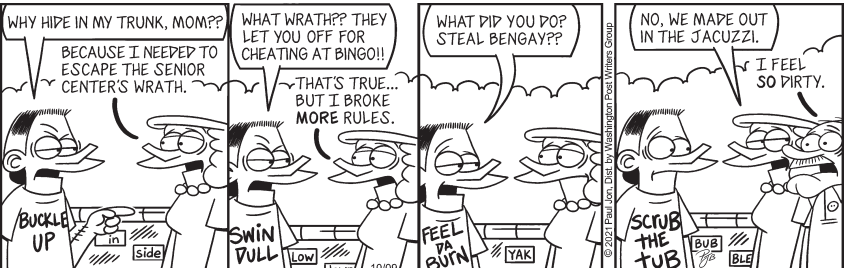
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PICKLES



Even the apostles dealt with defeat

Q: The feeling of defeat seems to follow me in everything I do. Does Satan get pleasure in defeated Christians? How can a person equip themselves to win in life? — O.D.

A: Satan will do everything he can to bring discouragement, but we must never give him a foothold in our lives. Rather, we must discipline ourselves to stay close to God.

Extreme sports, like snowboarding and rock climbing, are difficult and risky. Athletes do tricks in midair or climb steep, smooth rock formations and count on their skills to help them survive. They wouldn't be able to take on the challenges of their sport if it weren't for all the time they've spent practicing and all the help they've received from coaches.

In one of his psalms, King David wrote, "By my God I can leap over a wall" (Psalm 18:29). We all can jump over some barriers in life by our own efforts. But some "walls" we face are higher and more challenging.

There are some people who have serious health problems or disabilities. Some deal with anger or anxiety. Others lose jobs, or worse, a loved one. We try to jump over these walls, but repeatedly fail. Can we overcome our anger or losses, instead of constantly being overcome by them? Yes! With God's help,

we can overcome. Scripture reveals that even the apostles dealt with defeat, but they became "overcomers" when they began living life under the power of God. Peter's anger was channeled into boldness for Christ. Paul's anger against Christians was replaced with a burning passion to spread the Gospel.

Jesus can give us power to overcome every sin and habit that besets us. He can break the ropes that bind us, but we must repent, confess, commit, and surrender to Him. When we put Him first, He fills us with joy.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"UYDCK SGCYAF XVP CGF KYF PGO
V ZGF GL LWDYCTA, UOF DF'ZZ
VZRVPA KYF PGO FSY WDKSF GCYA."
— HGSC ZYCCGC

Previous Solution: "When I was a kid, I liked Superman. When I got a little older, I liked Wolverine. And then I found girls." — Jeremy Sisto

TODAY'S CLUE: a s1mba l

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Oct. 10 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The Morning Message will be, "How Sad Are We?" by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Oct. 10 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be John 1:35-51 with a sermon reflection titled, "Credibility." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to

the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, Oct. 10 at Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person mornings Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be "Did God Make Sin?" from Genesis chapter 2. The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. Children's Church is provided for the 10:30 a.m. service and will be attended by Holli Good and Brooke Swope. The recorded sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group the morning of Sunday, Oct. 10.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastor john1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stat-

ed live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children's church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastor.doug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option

is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on, "God's Sovereign Choice." The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday Servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Chris Sands, special music; Rose Sands, organ; and Nancy Kolb, piano.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. "All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us," said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

COVID-19

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COVID-19 in Indiana, for the week of Thursday, Sept. 30, there were 1,447 new hospital admissions, with all but around 10 of those being unvaccinated. Of those who were hospitalized, 241 were admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), with all but around 10 of those being unvaccinated. During that same week, the ISDH reported 219 total COVID-19 deaths in the state, with just over 10 of those being unvaccinated.

Local vaccination rates have continued lagging behind the state average. In the zip code 46992, which comprises Wabash, 42.3 percent of the eligible population has been vaccinated. Statewide, that figure sits at 56.3 percent.

On Friday, Parkview Health public relations manager Tami Brigle said they planned to follow the federal mandate for COVID-19 vaccination of all co-workers, but that "implementation details from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have not yet been released."

"We strongly encourage vaccination, and the majority of our workforce has al-

ready been vaccinated for COVID-19," said Brigle.

But even as officials have struggled to get even the initial shots into the arms of Hoosiers, eligible populations in the state are now able to receive booster shots, as well.

In July, Pfizer proposed a third COVID-19 vaccine booster shot but was quickly rebuffed by the CDC and Food and FDA. In August, the FDA reversed course, at least somewhat, by authorizing an additional Pfizer or Moderna vaccine dose for certain immunocompromised individuals. Although, the FDA did not go so far as to say other fully vaccinated individuals also needed an additional dose.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Thursday, Sept. 23 recommended the administration of a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine to counter waning immunity in specific populations following the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) decision to expand its Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to include the boosters.

On Friday, Sept. 24, the ISDH announced that booster doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine are available to el-

igible Hoosiers following federal authorization of the additional dose.

The single booster dose can be administered at least six months after completion of the second dose and applies only to individuals who previously received the Pfizer vaccine. Individuals who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines are not eligible at this time.

According to the CDC, individuals ages 65 and older and residents of long-term care facilities should receive a booster dose; individuals ages 50 to 64 with underlying medical conditions that put them at high risk of severe COVID-19 should receive a booster dose; individuals ages 18 to 49 with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster dose, based on their benefits and risks; and individuals ages 18 to 64 who are at high risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional risk of exposure may receive a booster shot based on their benefits and risks.

Eligible Hoosiers who want to obtain a booster dose can go to www.ourshot.in.gov and search for a site that has the Pfizer vaccine, which is designated by PVAX or call

211 for assistance. Hoosiers are encouraged to bring their vaccination card to their appointment to ensure that the booster dose is added.

Upon arriving at the vaci-

nation clinic, Hoosiers will be asked to attest that they meet the eligibility requirements listed above. That attestation began being incorporated into the online

appointment registration at www.ourshot.in.gov.

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Church Directory

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Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST


Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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Daily Devotional Reading					
Isaiah 33:1-24	Isaiah 34:1-17	Isaiah 58:1-14	Isaiah 59:1-21	Amos 1:1-15	Amos 2:1-16
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